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NOTE FOR: C/CSG

FROM: DD/OIT

Doris,

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Attached is a copy of the memorandum from , D/OC, concerning an Encryption Study Group. We would like either yourself or a nomination ~~from your group~~ to serve on this group. Please let me know by COB 8 July who your nominee is. Thanks.

Larry

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Technology
Director of Security
Chief, Information Management Staff, DO
Chief, Policy and Coordination Staff, DO

25X1 FROM:

[REDACTED]
Director of Communications

25X1 SUBJECT:

Encryption Study Group [REDACTED]

1. The growing concerns for security and privacy of communications have caused us to continue to seek improved methods for protecting Agency traffic. Coincidentally, new cryptosystems are becoming available which offer a wider choice of methods than in the past. With this broader selection, however, comes a more complex set of issues on how to apply the systems within our offices and network. While it is clear that we can and should use these systems, it isn't clear that the requirements and operational implications are understood. [REDACTED]

2. In order to bring this topic into focus, I propose that a study group be established with membership from the Office of Communications, Policy and Coordination Staff, Information Management Staff, Office of Security and Office of Information Technology. The initial task will be to create a mutual understanding of the security and privacy needs and the operational features of the new cryptosystems. Once there is an understanding of the issues, the group should prepare a report and recommendations on what type of program should be established. [REDACTED]

3. I have designated the Foreign Networks Division to take the lead in the Office of Communications (OC) on this issue and propose that they chair the group. If you concur with this proposal, please designate a member to the study group. The OC contact for this subject is [REDACTED]

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